



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: KOYAMA, eiichi et al.

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Examiner: PIERCE, Jeremy R.

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For: **THREE-DIMENSION CERAMICS STRUCTURE AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 27, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 17, 19 and 20, as follows:

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1. (Amended) A three-dimension ceramics structure, comprising:
a three-dimension ceramics structure of solely ceramic material, obtained by baking an intermediate comprising a three-dimension fabric having continuous apertures and ceramics materials adhered to surfaces of yarns constituting said three-dimension fabric to eliminate organic components of said three-dimension fabric, wherein said three-dimension fabric comprises upper and lower fabric layers disposed at a certain distance and each having a plurality of apertures and connecting yarns connecting said upper fabric layer with said lower fabric layer.